

- VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
- Minutes, October 28, 2010

- Present: Tim Bowman, chair, Jerome Dubois, Sara Masucci, Jennifer Page. Paul Solomon

- Absent: Jane Feinberg, Kevin Heine, Michael Sattler
- Also present: Wendy Rundle, Laurie Slapp (School Committee)

- The meeting convened at 7:05 pm in the Staff Room of the Library.

- I. The minutes for the Oct.6 meeting were approved unanimously.

- II. Envision Belmont.

- Re-cap of Oct.24 and Recommendations for Future Events:

- * Attendance: about 80. Should get evaluations from those leaving at intermission

- * Overall, evaluations were positive.

- * Logistics worked well, including invaluable assistance from School Dept

- (Laptops, etc). Tim will send “thank you”

- * Too many instructions distributed at sign in

- * Introductory remarks should be shorter

- * Should we schedule 2 same day sessions, am & pm, or on two consecutive days? What impact on attendance? No consensus.

- * High school students took notes and some participated in the table discussions. Their feedback to H. S. volunteer coordinator was very positive.

- * We should attempt to engage more students in future events.

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- Follow up and Next Steps

- * By Nov.5, with Mark Paolillo’s agreement, there will be posted on the Town’s and Envision Belmont’s websites,

- a summary of the notes from the table conversations

- the raw data

- a summary of the evaluations or feed back from the Oct.

- 24 event.

- All participants will receive an e-mail notifying them of the availability of this information.

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- *A final document to be sent to the Board of Selectmen prior to the Vision Committee’s appearance at a Selectmen’s meeting will contain:

- A refined executive summary, including feedback data

- The raw data

- A profile of attendees

- Next steps

- We will explore the possibility of distributing information about the Oct.24 meeting to Town Meeting Members at Town Meeting on Nov.8.

- * The editor of the Citizen Herald has asked for a round table discussion on the Oct.24 event. It was agreed that Mark Paolillo should be involved, and that a response would be made after the completion of the final document.

- *Wendy has agreed to submit a letter to the editor of the Citizen Herald, for publication in the Nov.4 edition.

- III. Sustainable Belmont (SB) Update

- Jennifer described Cool Belmont, an initiative arising from the Town’s Climate Action Plan. Cool Belmont, part of the statewide Cool Mass program, has a 1-year goal of reducing the carbon footprint by 25% .

- The hope is to have at least 500 residents involved initially, in “eco teams” of 7 households.

- IV. 2011 Meeting Schedule

- It was agreed to continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month, adjusting for holidays.

- V. Vision Committee Retreat

- The committee agreed to schedule a retreat, for late January-early February, 2011, before the February school vacation. Only Committee members would participate, with an outside facilitator.

- Possible subjects to be discussed include:

- Envision Belmont

- Other projects, including our capacity to address them and how to increase that

- capacity

- How to use the 10th anniversary of the vision process

- VI. Other Business

- The next meeting will be Nov.18. Jerome will take the minutes

- VII. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

- Respectfully submitted,

- Paul Solomon

- Secretary Pro Tem

